

User Fees

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Background

- A few months ago OMB asked the ASA(CW) to look at increasing the Corps revenues over the next 5 years.
- They asked that the Corps generate an additional \$25 million.

Background (Continued)

- We looked at all the possibilities and settled on increasing fees for:
 - Daily users
 - Annual recreation passes
 - Special events
 - Camping
 - Shoreline management

Proposals

- Fees for daily users will increase from \$3 to \$4.
- Annual pass costs will increase from \$25 to \$30.
- Special events will increase from a minimum of \$25 to \$50 and a sliding scale will be developed for larger events.

Proposals (Continued)

- Camping - We will review camping fees to ensure compatibility with private industry and implement increases accordingly.
- Shoreline Management - We will submit a legislative proposal in WRDA 2002 to increase shoreline management fees to recover the costs of administering the program.

Results

- Daily users - \$1 million/year
- Annual recreation passes - \$1.5 million/year
- Special events - \$.5 million/year
- Camping - \$.5 million/year
- Shoreline management - \$4.5 million/year

Positives

- We have proposed that these additional fees collected would remain at the project where they are collected to fund needed recreational work items.

Negatives

- These changes will result in only \$8 million in additional revenues/year. An additional \$17 million in user fees are needed to reach OMBs goal of \$25 million by FY 2006.
- ASA(CW) has asked the Corps to develop options for increasing receipts and to report back by June 1, 2002.

What ideas do you have?